

## ***Moran Urges Fairness in Air Force Tanker Competition***

### *Requests DOD Account for WTO Ruling on Illegal Subsidies*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran spoke at a press conference today in Washington, D.C., to encourage the Department of Defense (DOD) to account for a recent ruling by the World Trade Organization (WTO) that the European Union (EU) has illegally subsidized development of Airbus aircraft.

Moran joined a bicameral and bipartisan group of lawmakers at the press conference to call on the DOD to level the playing field and consider these illegal subsidies when requesting bids for the next generation Air Force refueling tanker.

"The aircraft industry is large part of the Kansas economy - our state is the air capital of the world," said Moran. "It would be a blow to our state and its economy if Boeing was held at a competitive disadvantage because the Department of the Defense failed to account for the WTO ruling. It is critical for Kansas workers, the U.S. military and American taxpayers that Boeing be given a fair shot at this tanker contract."

In September, the WTO issued an interim ruling that the EU has illegally subsidized the development of Airbus aircraft. Airbus is currently competing for an Air Force contract to build next generation tankers.

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